

Director, Global Operations, J39, J3, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 999 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.

COVID-19 AND LIVE EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the impact of COVID-19 on the live event entertainment industry, after receiving testimony from David Fay, The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Rocky Hill, Connecticut; Adam Hartke, Wave and The Cottillion, Wichita, Kansas; Ron Laffitte, Patriot Management, Beverly Hills, California; Peter J. Pantuso, American Bus Association, Washington, D.C.; and Michael T. Strickland, Bandit Lites, Knoxville, Tennessee.

EXPANDING AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine expanding American entrepreneurship outside traditional hubs, after receiving testimony from Jan Garfinkle, Arboretum Ventures, Ann Arbor, Michigan; David Hall, Revolution's Rise of the Rest Seed Fund, Washington, D.C.; Raymond Hespen, Property Meld, Rapid City, South Dakota; and Dawn Lippert, Elemental Excelsior, Honolulu, Hawaii.

CURBING ONLINE PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the role of private agreements and existing technology in curbing online piracy, after receiving testimony from Probir Mehta, Facebook, Mitch Glazier, Recording Industry Association of America, Joshua S. Lamel, Re:Create, Katherine Oyama, YouTube, and Keith Kupferschmid, Copyright Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; and Ruth Vitale, CreativeFuture, Noah S. Becker, Adrev, and Dean S. Marks, Coalition for Online Accountability, all of Los Angeles, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 8976–8973; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 105; H. Res. 1263–1265, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3436, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove cost-sharing responsibilities for chronic care management services under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–646, Part 1);

H.R. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities, easements, and rights-of-way to the Kennewick Irrigation District, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–647);

H.R. 3977, to amend the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 to extend the jurisdiction of tribal courts to cover crimes involving sexual violence, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–648);

H.R. 4444, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a

pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–649);

H.R. 7099, to provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of Coconino National Forest land in the State of Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–650);

H.R. 6535, to deem an urban Indian organization and employees thereof to be a part of the Public Health Service for the purposes of certain claims for personal injury, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–651, Part 1);

H.R. 4840, to modify the boundary of the Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–652);

H.R. 5330, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to provide a timetable for verification of medical debt and to increase the efficiency of credit markets with more perfect information, to prohibit consumer reporting agencies from issuing consumer reports containing information about debts related to medically necessary procedure, about and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 116–653); and

H.R. 4403, to amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to restrict the debt collection practices of certain debt collectors, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–654). **Page H7158**

Resignation from the House Republican Conference: Read a letter from Representative Cheney wherein she announced that Representative Mitchell resigned from the House Republican Conference.

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Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she announced that Representative Mitchell's election to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has been vacated effective today, December 15, 2020. **Page H7157**

Committee Election Vacated: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she announced that Representative Mitchell's election to the Committee on Armed Services has been vacated effective today, December 15, 2020. **Pages H7157–58**

Decorum Statement: The Chair took this occasion to update her announcements of July 29 and November 18 concerning the wearing of masks in the Hall of the House during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Chair wished to again emphasize the importance of safe practices during House proceedings. Accordingly, masks will now be required at all times in the Hall of the House without exception, including while Members are under recognition. The Chair would reiterate that this is a matter of order and decorum in the Chamber under clause 2 of rule 1. To be clear, Members will not be recognized unless they are wearing a mask, and recognition will be withdrawn if they remove their mask while speaking. The Chair appreciates the continued attention of all Members and staff to these principles. **Page H7158**

Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 52 was held at the desk. S. 1636 was held at the desk. S. 2597 was held at the desk. **Page H7157**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7157.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1084)

S. 4054, to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act. Signed on December 11, 2020. (Public Law 116–216)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine the United States and China, focusing on winning the economic competition, 9:30 a.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care, to hold hearings to examine the Alzheimer's crisis, focusing on testing and treatment pipelines and fiscal implications, 2:30 p.m., WEBEX.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine irregularities in the 2020 election, 10 a.m., SD–342/WEBEX.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Border Security and Immigration, to hold hearings to examine Hong Kong's pro-democracy movement through United States refugee policy, 2 p.m., SD–G50.

House

No hearings are scheduled.